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Executive Director

16 July 1947

Chief, ICAPS

Proposal of Radio Reports, Inc. to Sell Domestic Monitoring Service
to CIG

1. Unless the Office of the Director desires this service so that he may be fully informed on domestic broadcast comments on intelligence matters, ICAPS sees no justification for subscribing.

DONALD EDGAR

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - U.S. Government.

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TO: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Proposal of Radio Reports, Inc. to Sell Domestic Monitoring
Services to CIG.

This would appear to be a matter beyond the interest or responsibility of this office. Suggest that Mr. Pforzheimer may wish to comment.

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Please note that has promised to give Mr. Dennett a reply within a week or two.

(SIGNED) EDWIN L. SIBERT
Brig. Gen. USA
Asst. Director for Operations

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27 June 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS:

SUBJECT: Proposal of Radio Reports, Inc. to Sell Domestic Monitoring Service to CIG.

On 25 June 1947 [] of OCD called me about a Mr. Dennett of Radio Reports, Inc. who had been in touch with him concerning the possibility of CIG subscribing to the domestic U.S. monitoring service of that organization. [] suggested that I talk to Dennett to determine what his proposition is.

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I talked to Mr. Dennett on 26 June 1947. He is the Washington representative of Radio Reports, Inc., which has been in the business since 1936 monitoring U.S. domestic programs. It provides a clipping service of the air for approximately 450 commercial and government clients. Radio Reports maintains five monitoring stations in New York, Rockford, Illinois, Los Angeles, Detroit and Boston. It monitors approximately 10,000 radio programs a month and sells a "clipping service" at a cost of five cents per typewritten line with a minimum of \$2.00 for news by unidentified broadcasters and a minimum of \$5.00 for the text of a complete commentary.

Mr. Dennett proposed that CIG might be interested in subscribing to this service for the purpose of keeping advised of radio comment either on its activities or on other subjects of specific interest to CIG officials. I told Mr. Dennett that I had no idea as to what the reaction of CIG would be to his proposition, but that I would obtain a decision and call him back in approximately a week. Would you please advise me what answer to give Mr. Dennett. Attached for further information is a brochure on the activities of Radio Reports, Inc.

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Chief, FBIB

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(1) Organisation

(a) The relocation of several FBIB Field Missions, in progress or planned, will give considerable increased coverage at no greater cost. The West Coast Mission should be in operation at the new location [] about 1 October 1947. It is planned that the East Coast Mission at [] will be relocated somewhere near the Western shore of the Chesapeake Bay prior to 1 January 1948. Expect to move the station from [] to [] about 1 January 1948 after sending a survey team.

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(c) The organization of the Special Reports Division in March 1947 on an experimental basis is noteworthy. They now produce a weekly "Survey of USSR Radio Broadcasts", a monthly report on propaganda originating in Latin-America which has as its end the engendering of anti-U.S. feeling, and other reports based on special requests from OGD. These reports are a factual (not interpretive) analysis based solely on radio broadcasts. The product of this division appears to be valuable and growing in popularity.

(2) Personnel. As a result of security checks, some employees have been dropped. Checks should be completed prior to 1 January 1948. Morale and efficiency appear remarkably high.

(3) Space and Facilities. Washington Center, Headquarters FBIB, is scheduled to move to in August. This will place them near OO and other CIG offices. While it will give them no more room, it will provide for a more efficient arrangement.

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(4) Operations.

(a) Through its technical, highly specialized, complex operation, the FBIB collects, selects, collates, summarizes and distributes a vast amount of up-to-the-minute intelligence information faster than is possible through any other medium and with remarkable efficiency.

(b) The continuation of the "A" and "X" Wire Services by FBIB has recently been under study, resulting in the discontinuance of the latter to all but ORR for which it operates one hour daily. The "A" Wire Service provides for the teletype dispatch by FBIB to all Government Intelligence Agencies of selected FBIB intercepts 7 hours daily. The "X" Wire Service provides for teletype

transmission of selected intercepts of American press dispatches to ORE only one hour daily. A termination of the "X" Service would give an additional hour daily for the operation of the "A" Service which serves all intelligence agencies. Furthermore, ORE gets all American Press dispatches by messenger daily. Accordingly, the discontinuance of the "X" Service is recommended in the interest of more extensive service to all agencies without sacrifice of substantial benefits to CIG.

(8) Relationship within and without CIG. Cordial, but jeopardized by lack of complete Security clearances, now in progress.